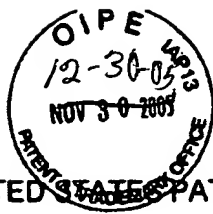


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In response to the Official Action dated September 30, 2005, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on December 30, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

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